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FIRST LANGUAGE ENGLISH

0500/31

Paper 3 Directed Writing and Composition

May/June 2015

2 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces provided.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.

Answer **two** questions in the space provided: **Question 1** in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**.
If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

Dictionaries are **not** permitted.

The Reading Booklet Insert contains the reading passage for use with **Question 1** in **Section 1** on the Question Paper.

This Reading Booklet Insert is **not** assessed by the Examiner.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **11** printed pages, **1** blank page and **1** Reading Booklet Insert.

Read carefully the article in the Reading Booklet Insert and then answer **Section 1, Question 1** on this Question Paper.

Section 1: Directed Writing

Question 1

Imagine that you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Age Campaign’s project, as described in the article.

Write a letter to Age Campaign, applying for a place as a volunteer in the project.

In your letter, you should:

- identify and evaluate the skills **and** qualities needed as a volunteer
- explain why you want to volunteer **and** why you consider yourself to be a suitable applicant

Base your letter on what you have read in the passage, but be careful to use your own words. Address each of the two bullet points.

Begin your letter, ‘Dear Age Campaign...’

Write about 250 to 350 words.

Up to 10 marks are available for the content of your answer, and up to 15 marks for the quality of your writing.

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Section 2: Composition

Write about 350 to 450 words on **one** of the following questions. Answer on this Question Paper.

Up to 13 marks are available for the content and structure of your answer, and up to 12 marks for the style and accuracy of your writing.

Descriptive Writing

- 2 Imagine you have moved house. Describe your new home and your thoughts and feelings as you enter it for the first time.

OR

- 3 Describe a town or city centre in the early hours of the morning.

OR

Narrative Writing

- 4 Write a story entitled 'The Lesson'.

OR

- 5 Write a story which ends with the words, 'I knew things would be different from now on.'

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